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IN THE MATTER OF THE ILL-TREAM ENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND ATROCITIES COMMITTED AT HONGKONG FROM SEPTEMBER 1941 UNTIL APRIL 1944.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Lieutenant-colonel CEDRIC OVERTON SHACKLETON, Royal Army Medical Corps, with permanent address at : Care of Messrs. GLYN, MILLS & Co., Bankers (Holt's Branch), WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.1, MAKE OATH and say as follows:-

- 1. I was Senior British Medical Officer at HONGKONG and commanded BOWEN ROAD Hospital there from April 1939 and I was active in this capacity at BOWEN ROAD Hospital, HONGKONG when HONGKONG capitulated to the Japanese on 25 December 1941.
- 2. I remained at BOWEN ROAD from 25 December 1941 until 8
 August 1942. I was then moved to ARGYLL STREET CAMP, known as
 Camp 'N', on the mainland where I stayed from 8 August 1942
 until 20 April 1944. I then was transferred to SHAMSHUIPO Camp,
 known as Camp 'S' on the mainland where I remained for nine days.
 I left SHAMSHUIPO en route for JAPAN on 29 April 1944.
- 3. I now see before me two statements signed respectively by Miss A. F. GORDON, Territorial Army Nursing Service, and Mrs. J. ANDREWS-LEVINGE, marked respectively 'A' and 'B' and exhibited to this affidavit. I have many times spoken to both these ladies and they have described to me in person all the incidents to which they refer in their statements.
- 4. I now see before me copies of statements made by :

No. 7262319 - Serjeant T.R. CUNNINGHAM, Royal Army Medical Corps;

No. 7262538 - Corporal N.J. LEATH, Royal Army Medical Corps;

No. 7259991 - Serjeant H. PEASEGOOD, Royal Army Medical

No. 7262360 - Serjeant J. H. ANDERSON, Royal Army Medical Corps.

These copies are marked respectively 'C' to 'F' inclusive and

are attached as exhibits to this affidavit.

I myself have discussed with these four Royal Army Medical Corps non-commissioned officers the conditions and experiences which they relate in their statements and can confirm that they mentioned these matters to me personally.

Some time in January 1942 Officers, Other Ranks, Nursing Staff and Patients at BOWEN ROAD were called upon by the Japanese to sign a statement to the effect that, as prisoners of war, we would make no attempt to escape. Nearly everybody refused to sign. However, we the medical staff agreed to an amended statement whereby we agreed not to attempt to escape while employed in the hospital. After we had signed the amended statement I know that all up-patients were taken in the heat of mid-day to an open space and a threat was made that they would be kept there until they signed the original form of affidavit. The Senior Naval Officer by the name of Captain CAMPBELL and the Senior Canadian Officer were taken away and were interrogated

and, I understand, that they eventually signed under duress by reason of a threat that collective punishment would otherwise ensue. The Japanese who presented the ultimatum to me regarding the signing of the "no escape" affidavit was, I think, Lieutenant SAWADA who was Commandant of the hospital, and a Japanese corporal by the name of CIANO.

- 6. There was brought to BOWEN ROAD Hospital soon after Christmas 1941 a Canadian soldier; he was riddled with machinegun bullets the wounds being infected with maggots. He was treated and eventually recovered. He subsequently told me that a number of Canadian prisoners who had surrendered were tied up together and machine-gunned in a heap. All were killed except him and he was left for dead.
- 7. A few days after Christmas 1941 I was informed by some of the civilian medical staff that they had seen the remains of some British officers who had been decapitated.
- 8. During the time that I was a prisoner at BOWEN ROAD Hospital I remained there and did not go out except with express permission and on the authority of a Pass which was given to me; the result was that I was rarely out of the hospital. I did make a visit with the Senior Japanese Medical Officer, a Major KORNISH, to STANLEY Prison, the internees' Camp and to the Japanese Headquarters. There, Major KORNISH interrogated me but his questions were quite proper; I do not complain of him. I must say, however, that the Japanese purused an obstructive policy throughout and always met any objections which I submitted with threats of collective punishment. Save for reduced rations and the curtailment of our amusements and sports these threats were not carried out.
 - 9. On 26 and 27 December 1941 I asked for permission to allow parties to go out to collect our wounded but permission was refused. Later I obtained permission to collect wounded who had been reported.
- 10. There was located at the SILESIA MISSION in HONGKONG a very large reserve of medical stores. About May or June 1942 a serious epidemic of diphtheria broke out at SHAMSHUIPO Camp. I had no contact with SHAMSHUIPO Camp but the Japanese sent to me cases whom I discovered were suffering from skin conditions affected by diphtheria organisms. Moreover, I heard rumours of the epidemic at SHAMSHUIPO. I several times asked both Lieutenant SAWALA and Corporal CIANO that anti-diphtheria serum forming part of the said reserve store should be made available. I was informed that this was impossible because the Japanese Navy had taken over the store.
- 11. On 8 August 1942 I was removed from BOWEN HOAD to ARGYLL STRETT Camp (Camp 'N') on the mainland where I remained until 20 April 1944. There were thirteen medical officers there and I was the Senior Medical Officer.
- 12. During the whole time that I was senior medical officer at Camp 'N' the medicines provided were grossly inadequate to cope with the number of diseases caused by malnutrition, and such diseases as beri beri, palagra and failing vision. On dozens of occasions I have sent in offi ial requests for drugs and increased diet to Colonel TOKENUGA and Captain SAITO who were, respectively, the Commandant and medical officer of all the camps in the area. These requests met with no response at all. I was, however, able to obtain some supplies of drugs

surrepticiously. Rations were extremely short during most of this period; in 1944 the grain ration fell as low as 480 grammes per head per diem. The calorific value of the ration in 1944 was 1556; in April and May 1944 it fell as low as 1348. The minimum calorific value to maintain health is estimated at 2500 per diem. The protein consumption was estimated at 5 grammes per kiloweight. One gramme is considered to be the minimum. These figures show that the food supplied was an absolute starvation diet. Had we been unable to obtain food from other sources there would have been many deaths from actual starvation. However, we were able to supplement the starvation ration from the canteen and from food parcels. This addition was just sufficient to support life; nevertheless, we always had many cases of deficiency diseases. The average loss of weight among the prisoners was approximately thirty-five pounds.

- 13. During the time that I was at Camp 'N' the total number of Red Cross packages received was one and one-fifth per prisoner. Enormous quantities of Red Cross parcels were stored at HOLTS WHARF, KOWLOON on the mainland. These were freely taken by the Japanese. I have seen Japanese consuming the contents of Red Cross parcels and I have ---- seen empty Red Cross packages in refuse bins behind the Japanese Prison Headquarters. All the Japanese there, including Colonel TOKENUGA, in my opinion, were involved.
- 14. While I was at Camp 'N' there were at least a dozen cases of ruptured gastric ulcers and acute appendicitis requiring immediate operations. Every time most dangerous delay was experienced because the Japanese refused to allow the matter to be dealt with at once. The Japanese directly responsible for this was Captain SAITO. No bearers were given to carry the patients to the theatre in the Indian Prisoner of War Camp which was a half to three-quarters of a mile away, and the surgeon, his assistant and the anaesthetist were obliged to carry the patients.
- 15. I have read the affidavit made on 23 November 1945 by Lieutenent-colonel F. D. FIE'D, Royal Artillery. I confirm:
 - (a) Paragraph 7 of the said affidavit. In this connection I remember that I tried to send Colonel NEWIAN's tooth-brush and shaving kit to him at STANLEY Gaol but was told by the Interpreter (probably NOTURA) that Colonel NEWMAN would have no need of these.
 - (b) Paragraph 8 of the said affidavit. In addition I would say that Colonel LEVETT, Royal Corps of Signals, Commander W. F. CHOWTHER, R. N. Retires, Captain WOODWARD, Indian Medical Service, also Lieutenant-colonel FIELD, Royal Artillery, were also removed from Camp 'N' in connection with this enquiry, kept in solitary confinement for three weeks in very severe conditions, starved and ill-treated. When I saw them three weeks later they were in very poor condition. These officers had been sworn to secrecy as regards their treatment. The Japanese responsible were the KEMPETAI.
 - (c) Paragraph 14 of the said affidavit is confirmed in its entirety.

16. During the nine days I was in SHAMSHUIPO before leaving for TOKYO I asked a Japanese interpreter named HASEGAWA whether he could obtain for me any mail as I had received no letters for over a year. HASEGAWA was most helpful and kind; he promised to look and later produced to me nineteen letters. These he obtained from the Japanese Headquarters. It was, therefore, clear to me that the mail to the prisoners was being retained there. He told me that there were sacks of mail at the Japanese Headquarte.

17. The following persons might be able to give useful evidence in regard to conditions at HONGKONG:-

Dr. SELWYN-CLARKE, D. M. S. (Civil), HONGKONG, who, I believe, is now at the EMPRESS CLUB, DOVER STREET, LONDON;

Miss DYSON, now of Queen Alexander's Imperial Military
Nursing Service, who was at STANLEY
INTERNMENT CAMP and, previously my
matron at BOWEN ROAD;

Miss KELLY, - - whose present address is "The COTTAGE", Betchworth, SURREY.

Major D. C. BOWIE, Royal Army Medical Corps, who followed me at BOWEN ROAD Hospital and would be likely to be able to give useful evidence.

18. I would describe Lieutenant SAWADA as aged about thirty-two height five feet six or seven inches; weight 120 pounds; black hair; wore glasses; clean shaven; sallow complexio fairly lightly built.

I would describe Corporal CIANO as aged about twenty-two or twenty-three; height five feet; stock-ily built; weight 120 pounds. I believe he was a chemical laboratory student before the war. He was clean-shaven and did not wear glasses.

SWORN by the aforesaid CEDRIC OVERTON SHACKLETON)
at 6 Spring Gardens in the City of WESTMINSTER)
this ELEVENTH day of DECEMBER 1945.)
(SIGNED) C. O. SHACKLETON.
BEFORE ME,

(SIGNED) A.A.P. HUNT, Captain Legal Staff.

Military Department, Office of the Judge Advocate General LONDON, S.W.1.

I certify that this is a true copy of the original affidavit.

(signed) R. G. del-Wormell, Major Legal Staff, Office of the Judge Advocate General. や 地 ヤーニー・トーシャー・ハハー・ハハナミハ マーハ /CEDRIC OVERTON SHACKLETON/

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居久松,你一首孩子香港水一月三八日以病院一前務三十一十一年老水一九四年十二月二十五日日本軍二降服之夕曾時十八月四十八十月上八日上八日上八日八病院了三字三千居久、八之一九八香港一名任英軍軍醫将校下一九三九年四月

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年四月二十七日三水浦(で)、日本へ何下子上だらり、次家好(物中、草处一私、九日間をり、私八七届人人之一日、次京町、九一十四人ワンシューが(三水浦)一九四年四月二十日近居り、私、草しカラ本土

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康上之子添附十七千居以 臣司舎人子香號了附十二十居り、此、供近書一道 リン/JHANDERSON は、写み、たち「じ」まり「「リン/JHANDERSON」は、写み、たち「じ」まり「「

11、一確、言之保以下下下以而之一確之等人可以 并 強之为人之 而之下 恢等,私之直接此等,可伴 并 該之分上云了不致等,除坐書中一述以夕以况,在陳二就下,就京太日身八吐,四人,英國軍軍醫部附下七官上恢等

引生之十七岁的一下以了一天分了一个、另中王俊等か三千十八私、程在港者外全部定外一草畫一次天二同童子了下下、私達小書午直至了陳述書三署名為院三前新三前孫等三居之間、逃亡日企图已十十十云「コレユ縣之以龍王中署名「在之文、然」之作于、松堂里醫部私達不逃亡日企图之十十七五八四日十十十五八四日十十十五八郎房一年一下了以名。 陳 本書上云了、 徐 唐 上至于 青霞姚歌夏 受 是 着 虚如 日本人了一是, 陳 夾 書 二九四五一月,或 几日本一月二、四一片, 解 來 下工官失

十万人子の本人位長デアックト思っ 後四陸子突ットク日本人、病院長、澤田中尉し逃でも十八十天了口或書二署名又以三十十十十七三天子了京書二署名又以三十十十十二天子子子等京子下八號于集團的處 謂り受けしまうと詞の日受トタ・デアック、ソニテ和・剛がびしまって、額四月受トタ・デアック、ソニテ和・剛がびしまって高級治軍将校、及ビナナケ、高级游校が連上生了高級治軍将校、及ビナナケ、高级游校が連上生了高級治軍将校、及ビナナケ、高級游校が連上生了原本」署名スは近に其处二立七子置りトエフ

後於死-網ュ承置十七月。 後以引全部数十七、月然神郎の受下クラトラ語いる。後以引全部数十七、多数一十十十年保育中一第三郎ラレ一地三十八子被治療不受下結局回復之為。彼八其、及私三降服子子長少万十二十七、傷四三、狙中附着之下尾之、彼八歲問經禪去人人一十十岁年少連七十年三七八 放八歲問經禪六十八百子、日十少 病院八一九四一百 クリスラス从間モ

員・京者カラ彼等か自う新ラレタ英国人将校りた、一九四年、りりスス及島は、私八根人富康班職

屍骸若干于見少上云了二十月南十月

十二松か「2」收容所一高级軍團婦孩子了了多全期 同中、给與了受下夕懸藥、深養不良二原因己種 程、疾病、及ご附見、ハラから、視力減退等、論 疾患等、治療之患者"比之一全然不過傷下了了 数十四私、醫藥上食糧一皆量十十夫人同地且在收房外 ·指揮者及口軍留門下了了上下又小陸軍大任及是衛 藤大尉二付シテムが二零請ラタ、三等・墨請二 封之何等一原然とはうしナカット、私へ然ととう 内, 冤二多少華,俗典于近人下儿口上办去来了,今只禮 八此、期间、大部分非常十不足下アいろ一九四四年 三、致類、糧食八一人一日苦り四八〇五、您伍二 抹れる。一七回の子ニアンテキト、ななでは、「カロョー」 唐良、 一五五六十十八月一九四四年一四月及日五月三於千 (其上下一三四八二位下已久健康保持,有一展 ナイカロリー「鹿八一日もろと」」よるの一本は、コーをはい

後,塵 垮得三下化了可見久、卜下又が大任月食屋三十八月 香了八日本月子八回亦日本一仔 膏可反好一小巴,中味可賣 消至于居化了月見 夕之又松八四一日本人三月り 荷去 三七分、私八日本人が赤十百八七門」 改止得二種又と子在 名 是等,七一个自志十字小包,有大十里并本土、 人一一一 割 デアック,本八五之收落好二度夕期間、流井し夕赤十字小包,

コトコ語こ于是した。カデアに彼べ知一即便覧が日本、司令部ニアと動便、其处一保留サレテ屋タト云フコトが明了了後の下で、まりな一保を見したるが、月春、テラとし、まり、まとは、は、日本、司令部が下機スコトコの東と、は二十十八通、手力が、一枚二種一次と称とが、長谷川、非常二親で、私、長谷川、三本、長谷川、三本の一月、一本、長谷川、三本の一月、一本の一十八、私が東京へ上登入いが一本浦、二本の一月以上

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